

32. A dried pet food according to Claim 13 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.
33. A dried pet food according to Claim 18 having a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.
34. A dried pet food according to Claim 18 having corn gluten meal as a protein source.
35. A dried pet food according to Claim 18 having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

REMARKS

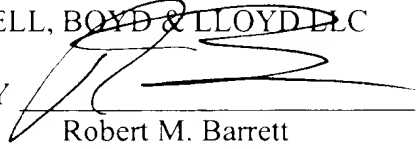
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment Claims 24-26 have been amended and newly submitted Claims 27-35 have been added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter. Further, Applicants note that the Preliminary Amendment is not being made for purposes of narrowing the claims and/or patentability but, merely to comport the claims to U.S. practice and/or to add additional claims. Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter in view of the amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC

BY


Robert M. Barrett
Reg. No. 30,142
P.O. Box 1135
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135
Phone: (312) 807-4204

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 24-26 have been amended as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to [any one of claims] Claim 1[-12 and 18] having a body in [the] a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon [or] , and star.

25. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to [any one of claims] Claim 1[-19 and 24] having corn gluten meal as a protein source.

26. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to [any one of claims] Claim 1[-19 and 24-25] having a density of 18 lbs/ft³ or less.

Claims 27-35 have been added.